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Ed Pincar  
Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
NYC Department of Transportation  
59 Maiden Lane, 37<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10038

**Re: Rehabilitation of West 35<sup>th</sup> St overpass above Amtrak's West Side Cut**

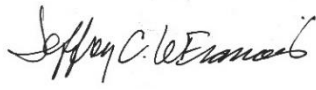
Dear Borough Commissioner Pincar,

Thank you for the Department of Transportation's (DOT) Bridges Division presentation on your preliminary plans for the replacement of the bridge structure above Amtrak's West Side Cut, at West 35<sup>th</sup> Street between Tenth and Eleventh Avenues. We are glad to see that this important infrastructure maintenance project is moving forward. However, at its January 5<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting, by a vote of 43 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining and 0 present but not eligible, MCB4 voted to oppose the design of the overlying street as proposed as part of the construction.

The roadway plan that the street would be restored to — even in its preliminary state — does not reflect DOT's own design guidelines for travel lanes or parking lanes, and conflicts with recent proposals for street treatments around the park. With all the new high-rise construction in the immediate vicinity, we anticipate higher pedestrian volumes. Therefore, we request that widening of the sidewalks be part of the final roadway replacement plan.

Please return to our committee with a revised design for the street and roadway.

Sincerely,



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